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1. In September 1953 a flotation plant to process copper ore was completed in the vicinity of Vürli Bryag near Vürli Dol (sic, probably Nadezhda area, N 42-26, E 27-30), nine kilometers southwest of Burgas, and all necessary equipment has been installed. Refined metals constitute only three to three and one-half percent of the raw ores, which is considered a very low percentage.
2. A second flotation plant to process copper ore has been completed at Rosen (N 42-23, E 27-34), 20 kilometers south of Burgas and two kilometers west of Sozopol. This plant processes ores found in the surrounding area, particularly at Bakarluka (N 42-24, E 27-36). Refined metals constitute four and one-half to five percent of the raw ores. All the refined metals are sent to the USSR, probably by sea.
3. The Gorubso plant, located near Kurdzhali (N 41-38, E 25-21), is also a new enterprise. It processes raw ores from the area to the south of Kurdzhali, and the refined metals are sent to the USSR. They are not, however, pure and require further refining.
4. Each of the above plants has maximum mechanization and employs only 80 to 140 workers, a number "not indicative of the plant's size."

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